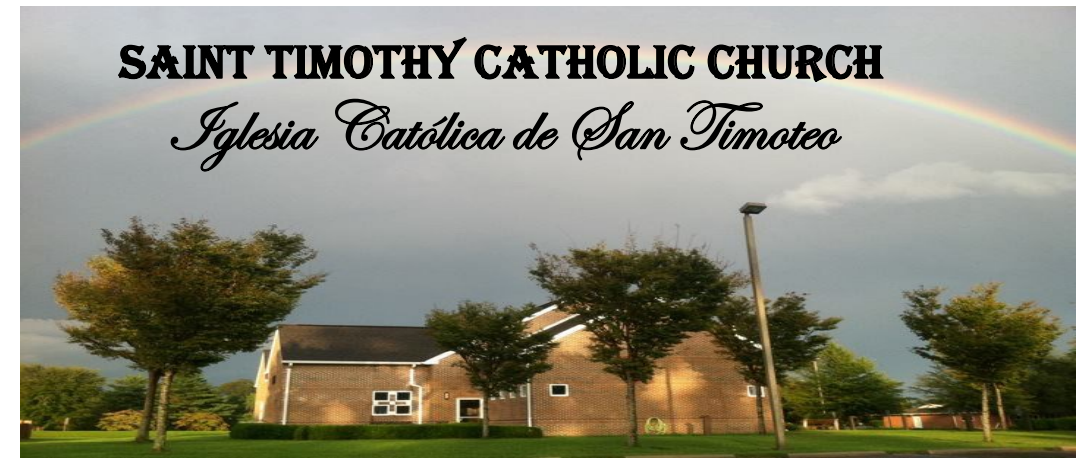




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Ready to join the Knights of Columbus and be part of the world's largest Catholic fraternity and charitable organization?

Please contact our Grand Knight Ian MacDonald 804-814-9002, Father Gerald or any of our Knights here at St Timothy's. We need catholic men to help us serve our church and community. Please join today.

December 18, 2022

413 St. Timothy Lane, Tappahannock, VA 22560


PARISH OFFICE

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 Rectory: (804) 443-2570
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Mission Statement
We are called to serve as one family, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Estado de la misión
Estamos llamados a servir como una sola familia, a través de obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales.




Join Scouting!

St. Timothy Charters the Boy Scout Troop #304B & #304G
 Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 6 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign them up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:
 Scout Master Chris Fisher 804-366-8326

Or
 Angel Boily 229-630-3952

Rivers District
 Cub Scouts (ages 6-10):



**LUMEN CHRISTI
 LEGACY SOCIETY**

St Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

Our parish Lumen Christi Society Chapter is being created to honor those who have named the parish as a beneficiary with a legacy gift. Take this into mind: Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled your parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of this community by making a bequest in your will.

St Timothy Church is formulating an endowment fund from legacy gifts to perpetuate financial security for our beloved church.

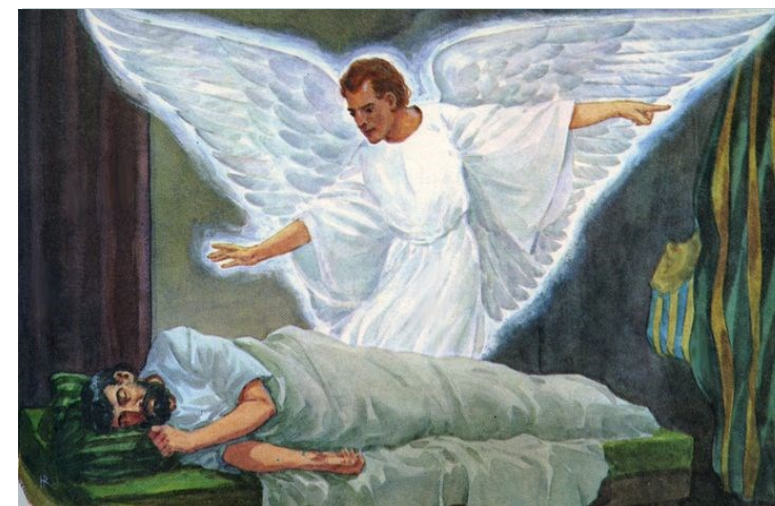
Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/18/22
 Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-24



Christmas

12/25/22
 Isiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-14



"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 2:21

MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday 5:00pm (English)
- Sunday 9:30am (English)
- Sunday 12:00pm (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

45 minutes before Mass or
 by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office or Rectory to schedule an appointment

Roger R. Sethmann, BMC, MM

Piano Tuning/Repair/Consulting

rsethmann@gmail.com (804) 445-6983





What is the origin of the word “Christmas”?

The word “Christmas” comes from the Old English phrase *Christes maesse* (“Christ’s Mass”) that is the Mass celebrated in honor of Christ’s birth. From this original reference to a particular Mass celebrated in the Church’s liturgical year, the term came to apply both to the day on which the Mass was celebrated and to the liturgical season associated with it (i.e., the Christmas season, aka *Christmastide*). The term *Christes maesse* began to be written in English as one word in the mid-1300s. In Spanish, “Christmas” is *Navidad*, in Italian it is *Natale*, and in French it is *Noël*. These terms are derived from the Latin root *nativitas*, from which we also get the word “Nativity” (i.e., birth). It is “okay” to write “Christmas abbreviated.” It’s just an abbreviation, and there is nothing sinful about abbreviating a word, even one containing the term “Christ.” In fact, the earliest Christians *did* frequently abbreviate sacred terms. Today, in English, *Yule* refers to Christmas, and *Yuletide* refers to Christmas time, although it originally referred to a pagan feast. The first Christians do not appear to have had a word for this day, because the first Christians do not appear to have celebrated this day. It took some time for the practice of celebrating Christmas to emerge. The Church’s year of feasts first developed, not with a view to the birth of Christ, but from faith in his Resurrection. Thus the original feast of Christianity is Easter, not Christmas.

Parish Ministries

Elizabeth Fowler, Rel. Ed. Director: (540) 903-2100

Roy Fontane, Finance Council Chair: (804) 925-6223

Lois Ann Bonhaus, Pastoral Council Chair (804)445-1006

Becky Tobler, Human Needs Chair (757) 897-4840

Kathy Hayden, Safe Environment Chair: (804) 450-4207

Gonzalo Ramirez, Hispanic Ministry, (804) 313-5119

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to Schedule Communion

Offertory Collection December 10-11

Offertory-\$3176.00

Give Central - \$1360

Christmas Flowers - \$50.00

Capital Projects-\$994.00

Catholic Charities- \$25.00

Candles- \$79.00

Mass Count 5:00pm- 52, 9:30am-77, 12 N-76

Our next second collection is December 25, 2022 for Catholic Charities



Nota de agradecimiento del Padre Gerald.

Tras la finalización exitosa de los preparativos y la celebración de la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el pasado lunes, quiero transmitir mi agradecimiento a todos los que participaron.

Siempre una buena preparación conduce a una celebración perfecta; por eso tenemos 4 semanas de Adviento en preparación para la Navidad. La Novena de nueve días, visitando diferentes hogares, no solo llevó a Cristo a los hogares que visitamos, sino que también nos ayudó a prepararnos para la buena celebración de la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Quiero agradecer por lo tanto a todos los que nos acogieron en sus hogares para orar con nosotros, gracias por las buenas comidas que compartieron con nosotros y por los que perdieron la oportunidad, tenemos el próximo año para hacer lo mismo. Al comenzar las Posadas, en preparación para el renacimiento de Jesús, oremos por una bendición especial de Dios para eliminar todos los obstáculos que nos impiden recibir el Sacramento.

Directorio de la Iglesia

Estamos comenzando a trabajar en un nuevo Directorio de la Iglesia. Si desea tener su foto en el directorio por favor regístrese. Hay una hoja de registro en los Comunes.

Nuestra próxima segunda colecta es el 25 de diciembre de 2022 para Caridades
Católicas

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The Collar

A priest was walking along the corridor of the parochial school near the preschool wing when a group of little ones were trotting by on the way to the cafeteria. One little lad of about three or four stopped and looked at him in his clerical clothes and asked “Why do you dress funny?” He told him he was a priest and this is the uniform priests wear. Then the boy pointed to the priest’s plastic collar tab and asked, “Do you have an owie?” The priest was perplexed until he realized that to him the collar tab looked like a band-aid. So the priest took it out and handed it to the boy to show him. On the back of the tab are raised letters giving the name of the manufacturer. The little guy felt the letters, and the priest asked, “Do you know what those words say?” “Yes I do,” said the lad who was not old enough to read. Peering intently at the letters he said, “Kills ticks and fleas up to six months!”

“Buddhist gives a Jew a Christmas gift made by a Hindu!”

Under a cultural exchange program, a rabbi from Russia was visiting a Christian family in Texas. Since it was Christmas, the family wanted to take him to some of the finest places in Houston, so they all went to a favorite Chinese restaurant. Throughout the meal the rabbi extolled the wonders of America in comparison to the bleak conditions of his homeland. When they had finished eating, the waiter brought the check, a fortune cookie, and a small brass Christmas tree ornament as a present for the rabbi. They all laughed when the rabbi pointed out that the ornaments were stamped “made in India.” But the laughter soon subsided when they saw that the rabbi was quietly crying. They all thought that the rabbi must have been offended by receiving a Christmas tree as a gift. But no, he smiled and shook his head and said, “Nyet, I was shedding tears of joy to be in a wonderful country, in a Chinese restaurant in which a Buddhist gives a Jew a Christmas gift made by a Hindu!”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Activities for December

The Knights of Columbus Council 10578 and the Tappahannock Assembly 3585 have several activities planned for the month of December. Please feel free to join us in any of these events. If you would like to know more about any event or have an interest in becoming a Knight of Columbus, please contact Ed Sullivan at desulliva@aol.com.

After all Masses the Knights will be selling religious articles in the commons and selling restaurant gift cards at reduced prices.



Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

Lois Nelms, Phillip Nuar, Anne Glancy, Liliyanna Kotzeva, Ken Pollack, Dorothy Sponder, Joseph F. Mercurio, Beth Schools, Peggy Shaughnessy, Luke Heller, Theresa Berens, Kelly Liddington, Margaret Bell, Connie and Ed Malloy, Beatrice Howard, Kathie Mendez, Michelle and Anthony Macaluso, Joe Patton, Chloe Fordham, Patricia Brenzovich, Daniel Murchison Lytjen, Amber Davis, Lorraine Jester, Anna Dalton, Charlie Allen, Jerry Simpson, Jr., Robert Davenport, Valarie Roberts, Carolyn White, David Rousseau, Patrick Finn, Rebeca Moreno, Maria Foster, Thomas Hampton, Ed Sullivan, Dan Dean, and Barbara Chandler, Catherine Mallory, Linda & David Taylor, Tom Schroeder, James Morris, William Sammons, Rodger Ginn, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Owen Liddic, Barbara Taylor, John Ciffo, Kevin Sullivan.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a family member or friend, living or deceased, remembered in a Mass, please call the parish office and schedule a Mass. We will send the family or person (if living) a card with all the details of the date, time and celebrant, and who scheduled the Mass.



Remember In Your Prayers

All those who serve our country, particularly . . .

LT Patrick Howlett, USAF; Ensign Jordan Gates, USN; LTC Rod Dwyer, USA; Lesley Clarke, USN; FSO Mary O’Brien; SGT John Streat III, USA; 2nd LT Christopher Selig, USA; Morgan Martin, USN, Ty Brown, USCG

Pray God keeps them in His care.

December 20-December 25 / Mass Intentions/Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
12/20	12:00N	Salvation of Souls	Advent Weekday	St. Timothy Family
12/21	12:00N	Mangano Family	Advent Weekday	E.C. Mangano
12/22	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory	Advent Weekday	St. Timothy Family
12/23	9:00am	†Mary Gibson	Advent Weekday	St. Timothy Family
12/24	5:00pm	†Andy, Ann & Jeanette Brenzovich	Christmas Eve	Joseph Brenzovich
12/25	9:30am	†Stuart Nalls	Christmas	Kathy & Carl Hayden
	12:00 Noon	Para el Pueblo	Navidad	Familia de San Timoteo



Holiday Mass/Penance Service Updates

Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday **Dec. 24th** will be at the normal Saturday time of **5pm**. Carols will be sung starting at 4pm.

Christmas Day Masses will be as normal at **9:30am** & **12 Noon**. Christmas carols will be sung starting at **8:30am**.

Church Directory

We are beginning work on a new Church Directory. If you would like to have your picture in the directory please sign up. There is a sign up sheet in the Commons.

Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you now have the option at St. Timothy to sign up and go online to make your weekly donations to the Church. The website is updated on a weekly basis in house. You can get more information by calling the parish office, or go to <https://www.givecentral.org/location/1137/event/25198>, and follow the steps. Or you can scan the QR code:



Please mark your calendars with the following updates to the weekly **CCD schedule**.

Dec 25 & Jan 1 - NO CLASS - Christmas Break.



Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets on Tuesday at 11:00am in the Religious Education Office. We welcome new members. Please contact Chris at ciovino@hotmail.com or 804-443-7179 cell phone.



Memorial Bricks

Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price is only \$100 and a duplicate for your home is available for an additional \$50. Pick up an order form from the Commons or contact the parish office.



Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45pm**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, February 7, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet**, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 53.

Spend an afternoon with others

If you are interested in joining a group on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons to play board games or cards in St Jude Hall call Susan Buckley at 804-769-7391 or the Office at 804-443-2760.



“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” This Advent make the decision to grow in your marriage by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 27-29, 2023** in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and **Feb 3-5, 2023** in Warrenton, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

The **March for Life** will again happen on Friday, **January 20, 2023** in Washington DC! Even with the wonderful blessing of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable.

Please use sign-up sheet in lobby to reserve your seat on the bus! Thank you for your support of this important cause!

Contact Ken or Elsie Mangano 804-514-4181 or church office for more information.

Christmas Music

Essex Churches Together (ECT) members invite the community to share Christmas music:

Dec. 18 (Sunday) 7 pm. Christmas cantata at Beale Memorial Baptist Church.

To **help seniors** discover the most senior-friendly locations around the country, Caring.com conducted a new study. They rank 300 cities and 50 states on the quality of senior living in that area. If interested if finding out how Virginia rates you can find the report at:

<https://www.caring.com/senior-living/virginia>

No. 1 Catholic App-Check it out!

The most popular and most comprehensive free Catholic App. available in English, Española, Daily Mass Readings (with Saint of the Day and Reflections): Liturgy of Hours: Latin Liturgy of Hours, Latin Mass, New American Bible, interactive Rosary and multiple Chaplets, multiple Stations of the Cross, searchable prayers and Latin prayers with English translation, Daily Prayer and Daily Bible Verse, Multiple podcasts for daily meditations and Rosary. Catechism of Catholic Church with ability to bookmark and share. My Prayers lets you store your own prayers and move them between iPad and iPhone. 5 Confession apps for different groups guides through sacrament of reconciliation. Vatican documents: 2nd Vatican Council, Code of Canon Law. Daily Mass live video stream and more....click below-

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/laudate-1-catholic-app/id499428207>

Caregiver Support Group is presented by the **Alzheimer's Association** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at 2PM at the Essex Public Library. For more information about caregiver support groups call Jennifer at 1-800-577-0558.

The **Diocesan Youth Conference** (DYC) is an annual weekend event that gathers high school youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. DYC is a highly energetic and engaging opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith. It's open to youth who are in 8th through 12th grade for the 2022-2023 academic year. It will be held on **Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12, 2023** at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond. There is a registration fee that covers lodging and meals/snacks and a T-shirt. Registration closes on January 8, 2023. Early bird discount is available if entered online by **November 30, 2022**.